Calendar of Events:

December 5  Seminar: Steve Boucher “Are land titles the constraint to enhanced Agricultural performance? Complementary policies to crowd-in credit Supply and demand in risk-constrained rural credit markets”  KRAN 661  3:30
December 20  Fall semester ends
December 21  Fall Commencement
February 7  Purdue Ag Fish Fry

The Purdue University Agricultural Alumni Fish Fry on Feb. 7 will give attendees an inside look at the national political scene from the perspective of a broadcast news veteran. Andrea Mitchell, the anchor of MSNBC’s “The Andrea Mitchell Hour” and chief foreign affairs correspondent for NBC News, will be the guest speaker during the luncheon that begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.

Congratulations and Names in the News

Michael Boehlje received the Carl F. Hertz Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award from the American Society of Farm managers and Rural Appraisers on November 13, 2008. The award was present at the ASFMRA Annual Convention in San Antonio, TX.

Thought You Would Like to Know

A unit of specially selected Indiana National Guard members was trained at Purdue University for deployment to Afghanistan as agricultural educators. The mission, scheduled to begin in January, will support the military operation there by providing the Afghan people advice that could help them improve their agribusiness operations. The 28-member unit will have training in a variety of agriculture-related areas including irrigation, crop production and pest management, soils assessment, livestock management, food storage, and marketing and nutrition. Kevin McNamara, professor of agricultural economics, is the leader of Purdue's efforts to work with Afghanistan's Kabul University in improving its agricultural education program.

Full story: http://news.uns.purdue.edu/x/2008b/081113McNamaraGuard.html
News from Center for Food and Agricultural Business

The center hosted more than 300 agribusiness professionals Nov. 18-19 at its National Conference for Agribusiness. Faculty and industry experts discussed results from the 2008 Large Commercial Producer Survey and its implications for agribusinesses. Thank you to Dr. Allan Gray, Dr. Corinne Alexander, Dr. Mike Boehlje, Dr. Scott Downey, Dr. Bruce Erickson, Dr. Dave Downey, Dr. Jay Akridge and Dr. Mike Gunderson on their outstanding presentations during the event and all of their effort in planning and delivering the center’s largest conference to date. Congratulations to Aissa Good, program manager; Danielle Quirk, event manager; and the entire center staff on a successful event.

Upcoming programs
ARA Leadership Academy            February 3-5, 2009
ASTA Management Academy     March 3-6, 2009

For more information, visit www.agecon.purdue.edu/cab

Dr. Allan Gray has been selected to participate in the 2009 LEAD21 program. The purpose of LEAD21 is to develop leaders in land grant institutions and their strategic partners who link research, academics, and extension in order to lead more effectively in an increasingly complex environment, either in their current position or as they aspire to other positions. LEAD21 is intended to meet the future needs for leadership development of faculty, specialists, program and team leaders, research station and center directors, district and regional directors, department heads and chairs, and others in land grant universities’ colleges of agricultural, environmental, and human sciences and USDA/CSREES. The one-year LEAD21 core curriculum includes three sessions and a concurrent individual learning component. Leadership competencies are enhanced using a combination of exposure, information, knowledge and practice.

News from Indiana Council for Economic Education (ICEE)

The Indiana Council for Economic Education (ICEE) continues to promote Financial Literacy throughout Indiana, and even the United States. ICEE is offering its new Interest Posters to K-12 teachers in training programs and workshops. The posters tell how interest can work for you with regular saving and investing, and can work against you if you have too much high-interest debt. View posters at http://www.kidseconposters.com/interest.html.

Resources at Purdue

PURE—Purdue University Research Expertise database—has evolved into INDURE—Indiana Database for University Research Expertise. PURE is outdated and will soon be retired. INDURE is supported through the state and Purdue. Plans are to continue INDURE upgrade and maintenance.

https://www.indure.org/index.cfm?InstitutionFilter=1
Travel, Speeches, Presented Papers:

Dr. Holly Wang will participate in the Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) annual conference in San Francisco, January 3-5, 2009. As the current president of the Chinese Economists Society (CES), one of the affiliated organizations of ASSA along with AEA and AAEA, she will host the CES business meeting and reception, and will moderate a paper session on "Property Rights, Firm Financing, and Industrialization", both on Jan. 4 in S.F. Marriott.

Bhawna Bists presented “Ethanol Plant Location: Near Input Supply or Output Demand?” at the Integrated Corn Ethanol Co-Product Conference, November 18 at the Beck Agriculture Center, W. Lafayette, IN.

Publications


Job Announcements:

University of Massachusetts-Amherst: Three positions
Purdue University: Extension Educator – DeKalb county
Chinese University of Hong Kong: Department of Economics
Texas A&M University: Two tenure track faculty positions – consumer behavior/mkgt mgmt and Firm level risk and managerial economics
University of Connecticut: Post-Doc position http://fmpc.uconn.edu
Alverno College: Assistant Professor, School of Business
University of Wyoming: Post doctoral Fellow – natural resources
Cal Poly State University: Agribusiness Dept – assist/assoc professor
Michigan State University: Assist Prof in Food Retailing and consumer behavior
Colorado State University: Assist or Assoc Prof in Regional Economics

Career and Job Sites on the Internet:
Purdue Extension Service: see website listed below
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Purdue http://www.purdue.edu/jobs
AAEA Job Posting http://www.aaea.org/employment.html
Academic Employment Network http://www.academploy.com/
Agriculture Career Connection http://www.ag-biz.com
Academic Position Network http://www.apnjobs.com/
Community Colleges, misc http://www.aacc.nche.edu/
Chronicle of Higher Education http://chronicle.merit.edu/jobs/
Congressional Budget Office http://www.cbo.gov
Education Jobs Page http://www.nationajob.com/education
Employment/Resume Posting http://galaxy.einet.net/GJ/employment.html
EPA http://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/epa.exe
Foreign Ag Service http://www.fao.org/VA/vac_en.htm
Government Career http://www.jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/
National Job Bank http://www.jobs.joe.org
USDA, Ag Research Service http://ars.usda.gov

For further information, see the Job Posting File in Room 651
Contact Lou Ann Baugh concerning information to be included in future issues of KT